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Hong Kong Said Direct Supply Base For Reds

KMT OFFICIAL'S CHARGE

Canton, June 23.

A high Chinese Government official said today that Hong Kong was not only a political base for the Communists, but lately had become a direct supply base.

He said ships were sailing from Hong Kong to North China ports carrying cargoes needed by the Communists. It was to stop this traffic that the Government had ordered the closure of a section of the China coast, including Communist-held ports.

According to this official, Chinese circles were surprised at the British Government's attitude to the Communists here, which was in contradiction to its general policy towards Communists in other parts of the Commonwealth, including Malaya, also in Burma.

He admitted it was a realistic attitude dictated by Britain's property and trading commitments in China, but, in his opinion, it was a short-sighted one.

The Communists were working to a carefully planned programme, and to sell them the goods they want—even on a two-way trading basis—would in the long run boomerang against Britain. And Hong Kong might be the first place to be affected.

This official thought the Chinese Communists could take Hong Kong, not necessarily by a frontal attack, but by infiltration methods, which had proved successful in other parts of the world.

Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, Commander of the Chinese navy forces, late this afternoon summoned high-ranking Navy and Air Force officials to discuss measures to implement the blockade.

Earlier, Admiral Kwei conferred with Acting President Li Tsung-jen and the Premier, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan.

Regrets Over

Anchises Attack

A Government spokesman, discussing the Anchises incident, told Reuters that, pending the receipt and consideration of further reports from the Air Force authorities in Taiwan, the Chinese Government had already expressed its regrets to the Chinese Government's diplomatic representative in Canton.

The spokesman said: "The accident was in no way a result of the order for the closure of certain ports."

He said that the Chinese Government would act in accordance with the recognised principles and usages of international law on the questions of damage to the ship and of injuries to the crew.

He said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had no news of the second attack on the Anchises. The Chinese Air Force and warships had been given orders to put into effect the Government's blockade plan, he added. The spokesman said that foreign shipping had been

warned and would enter the ports involved at their own risk. The British Embassy representative in Canton, Mr. John P. Conhill, said today that he had not yet received official notification of the second attack on the Anchises and consequently had taken no action to register a further protest.

Air Vice-Marshal J. Warburton, the British Embassy Air Attache, is at present in Taiwan, where the headquarters of the Chinese Air Force is located. Air Vice-Marshal Warburton left for the island before the bombing took place.

Work To Refloat Bombed Vessel

Under the cover of a thick mist and low hanging clouds, an army of Chinese workmen today toiled daylong to complete the preliminaries for refloating the British Blue Funnel liner Anchises, lying beached near Gough Island, in the Whangpoo River, slightly below Wosung, since Tuesday morning, after suffering serious damage from a Nationalist bombing and machinegun attack, reports Reuters from Shanghai.

Probably owing to unfavourable weather conditions, the French Nationalist air attack expected by the crew of the Anchises today did not materialise and the spokesman of the ship's agents here, Butterfield and Swire, told Reuters that "work is proceeding satisfactorily to refloat the vessel and bring her into drydock."

The spokesman added that, barring unforeseen developments, "we hope to have the ship in dock by Sunday."

"The Anchises was still hard aground tonight with a 20 degree list and her stern under water. It could not be ascertained today whether the vessel would undergo major repairs in dock here or just sufficient to enable her to proceed to Hong Kong for a thorough overhaul."

Captain J.E. Watson of the Anchises told Reuters yesterday that it would take two full months and cost some £250,000 to effect full repairs in Shanghai and that every replacement for the damaged engine would have to be shipped here as none is available locally.

Meanwhile, Shanghai shipping and business circles are eagerly awaiting to hear the Nationalist Government's explanation of the attack and the big powers' reaction to the Nationalist blockade of certain Chinese ports in order to frame their future policy.

There is generally hope that the great powers will adopt a firm stand on both issues and as one commercial leader put it: "not to let themselves be bullied into allowing Shanghai to be deprived of urgently required foodstuffs and raw materials."

Another old time local resident said that the very fate of Shanghai depended on the stand to be adopted by Britain and the United States towards the blockade threat and applauded Hong Kong newspapers' plain-speaking on the subject.

Attack Called "An Outrage"

The British-owned "North China Daily News"—only English language daily published in China at present—today described the attack on the Anchises as "an outrage."

Further Protests Lodged

London, June 23.

Further British representations have been made in Canton against the repeated bombing of the British merchant ship Anchises in the Whangpoo River, a Foreign Office spokesman said this morning.

Britain's attitude to the Chinese Government's decision to close a number of ports, including Shanghai and Tientsin to foreign shipping as from midnight, local time, on Friday, was still under consideration, the spokesman said.

Britain is believed to have been in contact with the United States, Commonwealth and other Governments on the subject.

The attempted sinking of a neutral ship when even a paper blockade was not announced as being in effect, it said, "goes even further than any of the despicable acts which occurred during World War II."

The newspaper added that if various powers refused to accept the risks which ignoring the blockade would entail, "a serious state of affairs, brought about by the alleged mining of the Yangtze estuary on June 9 will be intensified by this wanton bombing of Tuesday morning."

Certain political observers thought that Britain and other powers had a potent weapon against further Nationalist attacks on foreign vessels—the withdrawal of recognition from the Canton regime—but they believed that such action was unlikely to be taken individually but only in concert by all interested nations after possible repercussions had been thoroughly thrashed out in high-level diplomatic discussions.

A report from the British Consul-General in Shanghai on the second attack on the Blue Funnel motor ship Anchises indicated that two bombs were dropped and that the vessel was machine-gunned, a Foreign Office spokesman stated in London.

On Wednesday, two aircraft dropped two bombs, one of which fell near the ship and the other a little inland, the Consul-General's report stated.

Egyptian Ship

Sails From Shanghai

With the "all clear" prevailing over the Yangtze estuary this afternoon, the big Egyptian motor vessel, Star of Suez, sailed out to sea without incident. The Star of Suez was the only foreign vessel navigating the Whangpoo today as the majority of other ships held up by the schedules of their vessels due here the next few days until the air raid danger situation is clarified.

The fast luxury passenger ship sailed out New York bound after discharging 2,000 tons of cargo. She had several hundred tons of freight on board.

The successful clearance of the harbour by the Egyptian vessel increased the prospects of the British vessel Foochow, which may leave tomorrow for Japan on schedule. She berthed yesterday from Hongkong with 3,000 tons of general cargo and 10 passengers.

A British naval source confirmed today a British warship is standing by off the mouth of the Yangtze River to protect merchant ships if necessary, but said the vessel has been there some time and has not been sent to the spot as a result of any new Admiralty orders.—Reuters and United Press.



Big Four Dinner

KLM PLANE CRASHES IN FLAMES NEAR BARI, 35 KILLED

Bari, Italy, June 23.

A four-engined KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) plane crashed in the sea off Bari today, killing an estimated 35 persons, a Bari newspaper reported.

The news agency Asstra said the plane's passengers included Americans and Albanians, but this could not be confirmed immediately.

The dispatches said 15 bodies were recovered. Italian officials said there were no survivors, reports United Press.

The Italian Air Force zone headquarters here said four badly mutilated bodies thus far have been recovered from the sea where the plane crashed 1,500 feet off Bari harbour. The Air Force spokesman said the tail

Thought The Ship Was Communist

Taipei, June 23.

Major General Wang Shu-ming, Deputy Commander of the Nationalist Chinese Air Force, said today the pilot of the warplane which attacked the British freighter Anchises in the Whangpoo on Tuesday thought it was a Communist vessel.

In an interview, Gen. Wang said his reports indicated the Anchises was not flying the British flag at the time of the attack. "If the ship was a Communist vessel, after the attack that flag was flying."

"The attacking Nationalist pilot did not know it was a British ship," Gen. Wang said. The general said the Nationalist pilot flew toward Shanghai. He sighted two vessels, General Wang said, and went low to check their identity. Both flew the United States flag.

"The pilot waved and went on," General Wang continued.

On the Whangpoo, General Wang said, the airman spotted another vessel and dived low to investigate.

Attacked Ship

"He saw no identification, thought the ship was Communist and so attacked," the general said.

"We bombed one ship but there is no concrete fact to testify it was British, it had no insignia," the general went on.

General Wang said he had received no report of a second attack on the Anchises.

General Wang said his airman did not attack any ships on the Chinese coast, which fly foreign flags or the Nationalist China flag. "If the ships have no insignia or identification they will be attacked," he said.

The Nationalist general said the plane involved in the attack on the Anchises, which was damaged severely and beached, did not take off from Formosa.—Associated Press.

Seen at the dinner given to the delegates to the Council of Foreign Ministers are left to right: Ernest Bevin, Britain; Andrei Vyshinsky, Russia; Dean Acheson, America; and Robert Schuman, France; the Big Four Foreign Ministers. The dinner was held at the Quai d'Orsay, Paris, June 15.—AP Photo.

Pilot Denies Senator's Charge

Shanghai, June 23.

The harbour pilot who swept the Yangtze Estuary has denied the charge made by the American Senator, Mr. Styles Bridges, in the Senate on Tuesday that one of the mine-sweepers hauled down the British White Ensign and hoisted the Red flag, according to the "North-China Daily News."

The pilot, Captain Columbus D. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, said that the mine-sweeper, owned by the British Consul-General, did not fly any Ensign at all because it was not a naval vessel.

"The vessel left the port, swept the channel and returned with the same red coloured military pass flag required of all shipping here," he added.

Au'horitative sources, confirmed that the mine-sweeper in question, a wooden motor fishing vessel borrowed by the Harbour Pilots' Association from the British Consul-General, did not fly any Ensign.

Senator Bridges made his accusation in the Senate, basing it on a report from Shanghai published in the "New York Times" on June 17.

Captain Smith was one of three pilots who used two wooden vessels to sweep the Yangtze Estuary on June 10 and established that there were no mines in the River mouth.

The other pilots were Mr. William Surbury, of Liverpool, and a Chinese, Mr. L. C. Wong.—Reuters.

CAT Plane Crashes

The Civil Air Transport Company today received a report that one of its small Cessna planes had crashed near Lanchow in North West China killing the American pilot and two Chinese military passengers, reports Associated Press from Canton.

The CAT is owned by retired US Major-General Claire Chennault.

The air line office said the pilot was Edward R. Norwich, an American.

The plane was en route from Ninghsia to Lanchow and crashed into a mountain after apparently becoming lost in a rain storm.

One report here said one of the passengers was the second son of Gen. Ma Hung-kwi, Moslem Governor of Ninghsia province.—Associated Press and United Press.

JOINT USAF-RAF MANOEUVRES

Washington, June 23.

Air Force B-29s will drop live bombs to give realism to the joint manoeuvres with the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom starting on Saturday, a spokesman said here today.

English-based Superfortresses will drop live bombs before reaching the exercise areas. Defended targets in the manoeuvres will be "bombed" only with radio signals.—United Press.

Red Troops Said Sixteen Miles From Foochow

Canton, June 23.

Communist General Chen Yi's troops were reported to be in the area of Liangkang, 16 miles North East of Foochow, in Fukien, according to a despatch from Amoy.

The military situation has deteriorated as the Nationalist rebel troops under the command of General Nien Tse were reported to have captured Lienchen, a city in West Fukien.

In the meantime, the magistrate of Shashien, 10 miles West of Foochow, has defected to the Communists and another two districts, Ta Hua and Ta Tien, 100 miles South West of Foochow, were occupied by Communist guerilla bands, the despatch said.

A Reuter report from Shanghai adds that a Communist pincer movement against Foochow, capital of Fukien Province, appears to be taking shape as People's Liberation Army units steadily converge on the key city on China's South Eastern coast from the North and North West.

After a fairly long lull, during which the Communist forces are believed to have consolidated their gains and regrouped, this sector of 550 miles of winding civil war front is once again making headlines in the local vernacular press, which in two days reported the fall of Shashien and Shihyang, 90 miles West and 85 miles North of Foochow respectively.

Actually, the vanguards of the People's Liberation Army closing in on the provincial capital along two excellent highways, are said to be very much nearer their objective than the distances mentioned would indicate.

From the North West, the nearest Communist units are reported to be already near Kuitien, only 80 miles from Foochow, while from the North, Liberation forces are rapidly advancing along the highway towards Fuan, 70 miles from the Fukien port.

It is not known whether General Chen Yi's Shanghai conquerors, earlier reported to have been assigned to reinforce this war front, are participating in the drive, the main objective of which is the capture of the Fukien coastline and the elimination of the Nationalist beachheads for the defence of Taiwan Island.

Little information is available here regarding developments along the Canton-Hankow railway and the Kiangsi-Kwangtung highway, where the armies of Generals Lin Piao and Chen Keng are spear-heading the push on Canton.

In Canton the Nationalist military spokesman, General Tenu Wen Yi, today admitted that nearly one Nationalist division at Kailantong, South West of Changsha, had attempted to defect to the Communist side.

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Unification Of Korea Demanded

Seoul, June 23.

The President of South Korea, Dr. Syngman Rhee said that it was up to the United States to finish the job she started by securing the unification of South Korea with the Communist controlled North Korea.

In an interview with A.A. Reuter, Dr. Rhee said: "Russia is guilty of highway robbery, taking over the Northern half of our country."

"At the Yalta conference, the United States made a secret agreement with Russia to allow extension of the Russian orbit of interest. This was later said to have been a temporary war measure to allow joint Russian-American military attacks on Japan and to prevent Russia from opposing the United States."

"The agreement, with which Korea has been allowed to remain in two at the 38th parallel, has been carried out without any recognition of Korean wishes. The Koreans feel that the United States and Russia are responsible, but it is useless holding Russia responsible. Therefore we must look to the United States."

Persuade Russians

"The United States is a nation of honour and prestige and can only clear herself by returning the whole of Korea to the Koreans as it was before the war. The United States can do this by attempting to persuade the Russians to give up North Korea and fall back to do anything else in its power."

On the military situation, Dr. Rhee said: "We believe that North Korea has between 250,000 to 300,000 Russian trained and fully equipped soldiers. Are these defenceless? No. They are to invade South Korea."

"We now have our police and national defence force but certain portions of these are unarmed. We must also have planes. If we mean business, we must have an air force at least as good as North Korea's."—Reuters.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) the trough of low pressure persists from N. of Japan along the Ryukyu to the Luzon Strait and thence W to Tonkin. Pressure is relatively high over central China and in a weak ridge from the Pacific to the central Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds, fresh locally. Cloudy, rain at times.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum 81.4 deg. Fah. Minimum 77.5 deg. Fah. Sunshine 0.9 hours.

Rainfall: 6.3 mm.—0.81 in. Total since Jan. 1—521.5 mm.—20.54 in. as against an average of 864.7 mm.—34.12 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

	1005.5	1004.5	m.h.
Bar. Humidity	80	80	80
Bar. Point	14	14	deg. P.
Wind Direction	E	E	deg. P.
Wind Force	14	14	knots
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Licensing will commence on Monday, July 4, 1949 at 9 a.m. and will continue daily, closing at 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

2. Place of Licensing.

All licensing will take place at Central Police Station, Hollywood Road, entrance from main door in Hollywood Road.

3. Order of Licensing.

Vehicles will be licensed in "Blocks" of 400 per day commencing with Nos. 1-400 on Monday, July 4 and continuing as follows:

Private Cars & Motor Cycles	
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	Cycles 1-150
Tuesday, 5th July	Motor Cars 401-800
	Cycles 151-300
Wednesday, 6th July	Motor Cars 801-1200
	Cycles 301-450
Thursday, 7th July	Motor Cars 1201-1600
	Cycles 451-600
Friday, 8th July	Motor Cars 1601-2000
	Cycles 601-750
Monday, 11th July	Motor Cars 2001-2400
	Cycles 751-900
Tuesday, 12th July	Motor Cars 2401-2800
	Cycles 901-1000
Wednesday, 13th July	Motor Cars 2801-3200
	Cycles 1001-1100
Thursday, 14th July	Motor Cars 3201-3600
	Cycles 1101-1200
Friday, 15th July	Motor Cars 3601-4000
	Cycles 1201-1300
Monday, 18th July	Motor Cars 4001-4400
	Cycles 1301-1400
Tuesday, 19th July	Motor Cars 4401-4800
	Cycles 1401-1500
Wednesday, 20th July	Motor Cars 4801-5200
	Cycles 1501-1600
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	4001-5800
Thursday, 4th August	Motor Lorries 5801-6200
	5401-6200
Friday, 5th August	Motor Lorries 6201-6600
	5801-6600
Monday, 8th August	Motor Lorries 6601-7000
	6201-7000
Tuesday, 9th August	Motor Lorries 7001-7400
	6601-7400
Wednesday, 10th August	Motor Lorries 7401-7800
	7001-7800

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Not over 15 cwt	\$ 54.00
Over 15 cwt but not over 30 cwt	\$ 90.00
Over 30 cwt but not over 45 cwt	\$ 135.00
Over 45 cwt but not over 60 cwt	\$ 180.00
Over 60 cwt but not over 80 cwt	\$ 360.00
Over 80 cwt	\$ 600.00
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Over 50 cwt but not over 90 cwt	\$ 810.00
Over 90 cwt	\$ 1620.00

Owners should produce the vehicle like book and the appropriate fee should be paid in cash.

5. Drivers licences will NOT be renewed the same time as vehicle licences. A further press note will shortly appear giving details of renewal arrangements.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, June 20, 1949.

NOTICE

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Firing Area

Note—All Latitudes are N., and Longitudes E. Latitudes and Longitudes taken from Admiralty Charts Nos. 3429, 1406, 3005, 3280, 3279, and 1180, but longitudes from Charts Nos. 1180 and 3005 have been decreased by 9'.

(a) FIRING AREA A:—

The area included in this Firing Area is bounded as follows:—

By a line starting from High Water Mark at western end of Stonecutters Island (latitude 22° 19' 10" — longitude 114° 07' 40"), thence across to Green Island (latitude 22° 17' 15" — longitude 114° 06' 36"), thence across to eastern shore of Lantau at latitude 22° 17' 45" — longitude 114° 01' 23", thence following High Water Mark along the eastern shore of Lantau to latitude 22° 20' 13" — longitude 114° 03' 20", thence across to Chung Hui at latitude 22° 19' 42" — longitude 114° 05' 28", thence following High Water Mark along the southern shore of Chung Hui to latitude 22° 20' 00" — longitude 114° 06' 20", thence along the eastern shore of Chung Hui to latitude 22° 20' 37" — longitude 114° 06' 28", thence to the Island at latitude 22° 20' 46" — longitude 114° 07' 15", thence to Stonecutters Island at latitude 22° 19' 37" — longitude 114° 08' 05", thence along the shore of Stonecutters Island westwards to starting point.

2. Firing signals will be displayed as follows:—

- (a) by red flag flown at the gun site concerned.
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F. BUCKLE, Ag. Principal, Technical College.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

E. R. CHILDE, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, June 23, 1949.

Robbery Suspects Face Court

An armed robbery at 33 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, on April 27, in which \$23,000 worth of money and valuables were netted, had a sequel before Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Pulpine Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Accused are Chan Man alius Chan Ah-kau, and Cheung Ching alius Cheung Chi-yuk, who are charged before a jury of four men and three women with participating in the crime. Chan is additionally charged with possession of arms. Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, is conducting the case for the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cushman. Neither accused are legally represented.

Sat At Table

According to the prosecution, five men in all entered the premises which were occupied by two firms, on the afternoon of April 27. The men entered separately, sitting down with the rest of the occupants at the table.

Shortly after the arrival of the men, three of them stood up. One produced a revolver and another a dagger. All five stationed themselves at various points on the premises and herded the occupants into a rear cubicle.

The robbers then proceeded to search the occupants and other part of the house. After tying and gagging the inmates, the men left after 20 or 30 minutes, with money and valuables worth about \$2,500.

The police were eventually notified about the robbery. On the morning of April 29 — two days later — one of the occupants of the victimised house accompanied a Chinese police corporal to the Kowloon Canton Railway Station at Star Ferry, where they followed accused Chan Man, who boarded a train bound for Canton.

Jumped From Train

The man, after being some time in the train, sensed that he was being followed, and attempted to make a break for it by jumping out onto the tracks. He was eventually apprehended.

The second accused was arrested when a police party stopped a bus at Castle Peak Road on the same day.

Both men then made voluntary statements after being cautioned and formally charged with the robbery. Late in the evening of the 29, Chan took the police to a place where a revolver and a dagger were discovered.

Both men were identified at an identification parade by some of their victims. The finger prints of the first accused were also taken, and were found to coincide with the impressions he was alleged to have left at the scene of the crime.

Corroborative evidence was given by the occupants of the house and by other witnesses, after which the trial adjourned until Monday.

Parents Fight Closure Order

The parents of children studying at the four Hong Kong and Kowloon Schools for Workers' Children are forming an organisation to fight the closure order of the Director of Education.

The Reverend Mr. George She, Manager of the Schools, has been notified that the schools will have to be closed on August 31. Government proposes to accommodate the students at two Government schools not yet completed.

The Reverend Mr. She visited the school yesterday to console the distressed teachers and students. He assured them that he and Bishop Hall would not neglect the matter.

NOTICE

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Twenty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 4a, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 1949, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 28th June, 1949, to the 5th July, 1949, both days inclusive.

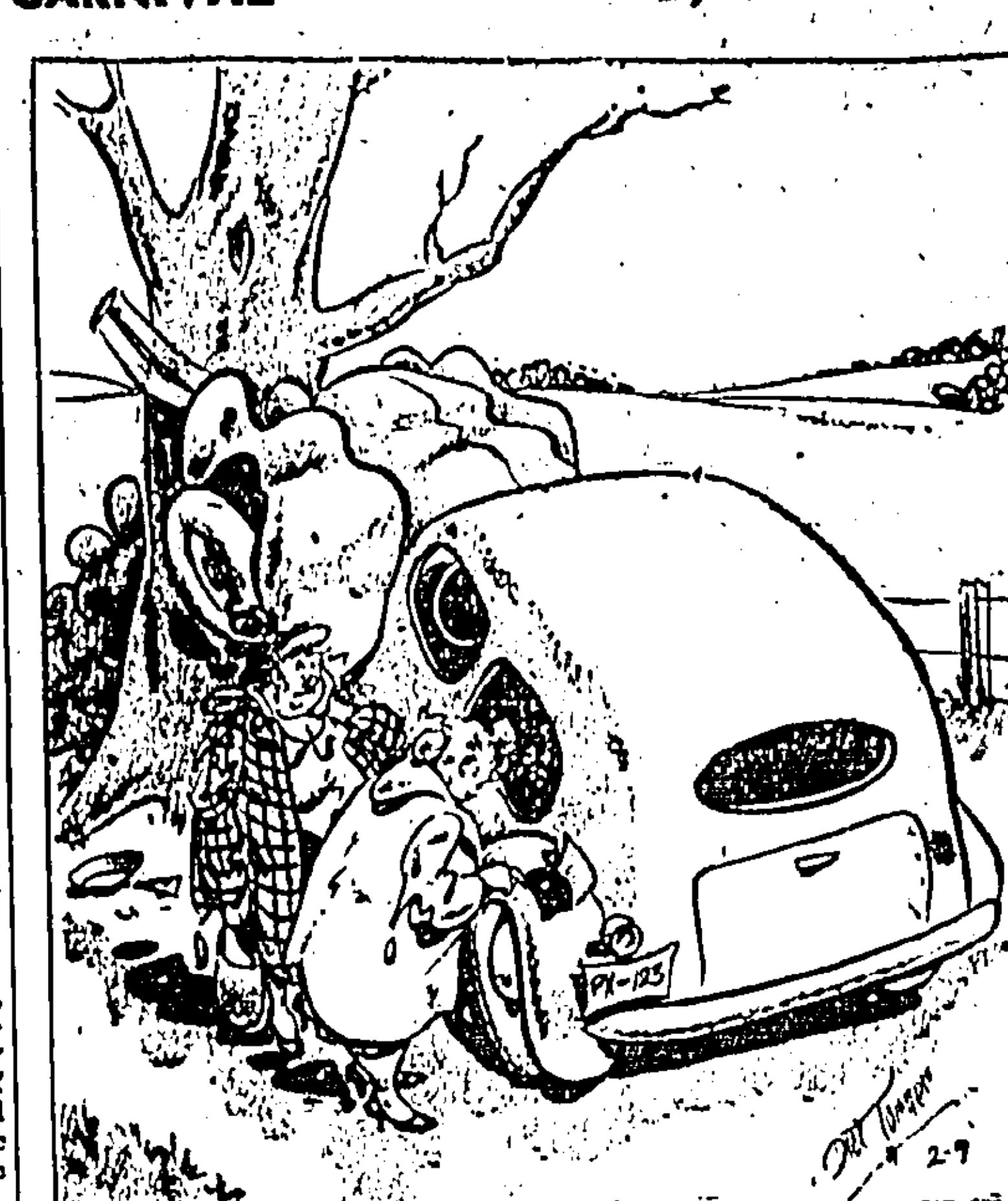
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Hong Kong, June 23, 1949.

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Roosevelt's Documentary To The King's

"The Roosevelt Story" coming to the King's Theatre next week is an eloquent film tribute to the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, comprising 40 years of his public and private life, in peace and in wartime, in depression and in prosperity.

His personal magnetism, his love of a laugh, his quick sense of humour and his philosophy are all captured in this documentary. There are numerous intimate scenes showing Roosevelt at Hyde Park with various members of his family, his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, his wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, and his children and grandchildren. And then there is that brief, but heart-warming scene at Warm Springs, Georgia, where he went to overcome the handicap of polio which struck him when he was only 39 years old.

This scene, showing FDR playing ball while swimming in the warm pool with children similarly afflicted, brings out the warmth of his personality and the gift he had for bringing happiness to others.

His favourite dog, Fala, a Scotch terrier that came in for his full share of White House publicity, is also glimpsed in several highly amusing scenes.

There is also a memorable scene showing FDR giving his first, farcical, chat, on March 5, 1935, in which he said "There are those who fail to read the signs of the times and American history. They would refuse to bargain collectively, to earn a decent livelihood and to acquire security. It is those short-sighted ones, not labour, who threaten the country with that class division which in other countries has led to dictatorship and the establishment of fear and hatred as the dominant emotions in human life."

Also depicted is that scene in 1933, when he made his first inaugural address, and said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Brian Donlevy is also in good form as the nemesis who trumps Aubrey into revealing his true identity, and the romantic touches are supplied by attractive Arlene Dahl, a recent addition to M-G-M's feminine roster. She has talent, looks and personality in abundance. George Coulouris heads a well-selected supporting cast which includes Lloyd Gough, John Ireland and Minor Watson.

At The King's



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., who takes the leading role in "The Fighting O'Flynn," now showing at the King's Theatre. Playing opposite him is pretty Helena Carter.

WEEK-END FILM FARE

ALHAMBRA: "A Southern Yankee" (MGM), starring Red Skelton, in which Red becomes the male Mata Hari of the U.S. Civil War.

KING'S: "The Fighting O'Flynn" (Universal), starring Douglas Fairbanks and Helena Carter, features intrigue, sword play and the Fairbanks smile.

LEE: "BACK STREET" (Universal), with Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullivan, attempts to show that there is no such thing as escapism.

QUEEN'S: "A Southern Yankee" (MGM), starring Red Skelton, in which Red becomes the male Mata Hari of the U.S. Civil War.

ROXY: "A Prisoner Of Shark Island" (Fox), Warner Baxter in the role of a martyr.

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Cornel Wilde Plays Opposite Own Wife In Columbia Picture

A parole officer is said to have a reputation of being a cynical, "tough egg." In other words, he is supposed to be shockproof against all attacks on his emotions, especially love.

That this just isn't so is the theme of "Shockproof," a tale of partial escapism which comes to the Queen's Theatre next week.

In "Shockproof," Cornel Wilde attempts to show that a parole officer is only too human and an easy pushover for a luscious bit of blonde-trimmed pulchritude—the damsel in this case being Patricia Knight.

The film falls flat in its mission, mainly because Cornel Wilde comes nowhere near looking like the hard-boiled parole officer, but reminds one of a bashful, self-conscious school-teacher.

Released from prison on parole after being sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, Patricia Knight (Mrs. Wilde in private life) is warned by Cornel Wilde to stay away from her former associates, or else she'll go back to prison.

Patricia, who is as stubborn as she is beautiful, promptly disregards the warning and again sees her suave gambler boyfriend John Burroughs. Picked up in a raid on a bookie office, Patricia is supposed to go back to prison.

But with Cupid successfully at work, Wilde manages to give her another chance and arranges for the wayward damsel to work in his own home as companion to his blind and widowed mother.

Miss Knight, who just can't get her gambler boyfriend out of her mind, falls for a hare-brained scheme, ingeniously thought up by Burroughs, which would prevent Wilde from sending her back to the penitentiary: Marry the parole officer.

At just what point Cupid unleashes his second arrow, this time aimed at the feminine part of the boy-and-girl combination, isn't exactly clear. But suffice it to say that, as the film wearily creeps along, Mr. and Mrs. Parole Officer are both genuinely in love with each other.

This, of course, doesn't quite suit Mr. Ex-Boyfriend, and after a threat to "spill the beans" to

SAMUEL GOLDWYN PICKS A SONG

Samuel Goldwyn will introduce "More I Cannot Wish You," a new song by Hit Parade Leader Frank Loesser, in "Roseanna McCoy" and make it the dominant theme of this RKO-Radio release.

Lloyd Gough will sing it. Loesser, you may remember, wrote "Slow Boat to China" and "My Darling."



CORNEL WILDE
Cupid's Spy

Wilde about the marriage plot, shots are fired and Burroughs slumps to the floor. The gun is held by—Patricia Knight.

Then begins fight from the law, and Wilde and his wife tear up the roads a manage to remain untraced for several months. But his money and easy conscience, they decide to face their mine only to be confronted with a typical Hollywoodian end. Yes Cupid didn't fire his bow vain.

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Roxy Showing Drama Of Shark Island

With the production of "The Prisoner of Shark Island," 20th Century picture now at the Roxy Theatre, the screen again proves that the raw material of life outstrips the imaginings of playwrights for pure drama.

When Darryl F. Zanuck was preparing this picture in the 30's, he looked to no dramatist or story teller for his plot, but went directly to the plain facts of American history to find the story of one of the most tragic figures America has ever known.

Telling the true story of Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd, the man who was unjustly imprisoned as one of the Lincoln conspirators, the picture is a document of man's inhumanity to man. Warner Baxter, the star, plays the title role of the gentle backwoods physician who was sacrificed to a nation's frenzy in the future that followed the assassination.

Many of the actual conspirators are executed, but Baxter is saved for a more terrible fate—life imprisonment on the hellish Shark Island.

Degraded, tortured, frantic with worry over his wife, Gloria Stuart, and their child, he attempts an escape through the shark-filled prison moat. He wins his freedom only to be recaptured and brought back to a dungeon.

Then the story takes a dramatic turn. Yellow fever strikes, prostrates the garrison and prison. With the army physician in a critical condition, the commander calls on Baxter to take up the fight against the epidemic. How he masters the situation, forces the men to work with him and eventually wins his freedom as a reward for his courage and self-sacrifice is revealed in the action-filled climax of the picture.

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PART IV: ROAD TO CALVARY

THE MINDSZENTY STORY

The Nationalisation
Of Hungary's SchoolsBY THE VERY REV.
DR. NICHOLAS BOER

knew nothing of this and certainly did not share Father Balogh's twisted views. The basic distortion of this article was the premise that the totalitarian Communism of Hungary was true democracy. The long article continued in the same vein and declared that the Western Powers supported Cardinal Mindszenty, not because he was the Primate of the Hungarian Catholic Church, but because he was the enemy of present-day Hungarian democracy and an especially stubborn opponent of the foreign policy followed by the Hungarian regime. All those, the anonymous writer said, who wanted to make Hungary subservient to foreign political interests and imperialist aims saw in Mindszenty their political leader, and followed him, regardless of their religion, not as a priest but as a politician.

Pertinent Questions

Of course, it was quite impossible for anyone in Hungary to answer this scurrilous article; we have seen how Hungarian freedom had been systematically suppressed both for Catholic and non-Catholic publications. No one could ask Hungarians the pertinent questions whether the foreign policy followed by the present regime had not made Hungary subservient to foreign interests? Whether a different orientation of foreign policy would inevitably mean the service of foreign interests? No one could ask why, just because there were people and governments outside Hungary who respected Cardinal Mindszenty's brave stand and courageous resistance, this respect should make him a politician and not a priest. These questions could never be raised in the Hungarian Press of 1948—yet they show clearly the line of thought followed by the regime; they also provided the final answer to the questions why and how was it planned to remove the Cardinal from public life. Why? In order to silence the voice of Hungary's Catholic, Christian and democratic conscience. How? By doing everything to discredit him in the eyes of Christian and democratic public opinion.

Basis Of Attack

On August 1, 1948, the *Pravda* newspaper, the *Pravda* of the Soviet Union, published a six-page article under the title "Politicisation of the Church in Hungary." It was in the form of a letter signed by "a practicing Catholic and convinced democrat." The basis of the violent attack contained in this article had been laid in a series of interviews with a correspondent of the *Pravda* in this interview the Cardinal said: "We are at war with materialism, and this war is a spiritual war. We are at war with the same nature as that which the Cardinal Faulhaber of Preysing a short time ago spoke of in the materialism of the West. Once against we are faced with a totalitarian system which persecutes the good reason to believe that the practicing Catholicism is actually Father Balogh himself, indignantly against anyone who compared Hungarian democracy with Nazi barbarism and expressed his anxiety that the Cardinal, by publishing his purely personal and political views, would lose his credit as the 'Shepherd' of Hungarian Catholics. It was not the servant of Christ, said the anonymous writer, who spoke with the voice of Cardinal Mindszenty, but the embittered enemy of democracy. Those behind him were the former glorifiers of the totalitarian system and the gas-chambers; those who had killed the two German Cardinals, Faulhaber and Preysing, Jewish, Irish, Scottish and Swiss Catholic bishops who sent telegrams expressing sympathy to Cardinal Mindszenty probably

Had To Resign

Louis Dinnyes had to resign his post as Minister of Education, Nyaradi, who was also a member of the Smallholders' Party, left the country and announced that he was no longer going to serve. The successor of Dinnyes was another Smallholder, Joseph Reval, for it was the Communist Party's deliberate policy in Hungary not to claim the Premiership but to force their political allies to provide for this position. It was Stephen Dobi who had the execution of the Communist plans of Mindszenty's arrest. On 13, 1948, containing an attack on the Cardinal, it was the Prime Minister, László Rákosi, who declared that the Government served the interests of the working classes and therefore followed the path of Christ and not the path of the bourgeoisie. "I am firmly convinced," he said, "that we work in the name of Christ and for the good of the people. It is our duty to call the attention of everybody to the fact that Cardinal Mindszenty has not led to Christ; he has led to a dangerous and dark path of the power of legal authority. This is a strange situation, one from the head

of the Communist Government—accusing the Cardinal of having deserted Christ and thereby breaking the law! Dobi continued: "It is most remarkable that in the great struggle of World Powers, the Cardinal-Primate of Hungary has taken the side of the enemies of the Hungarian people. But this in no way means that the Catholic religion has become opposed to the Hungarian State. Christ was always the God of the poor and will so remain for ever." It is no exaggeration to say that in the whole course of Hungarian history no political party has played a more shameful part than the Smallholders. In the elections of 1945 this party had gained an absolute majority in Parliament. Hundreds of thousands voted for it in the hope that it would begin building a new Hungary on the basis of Western democracy. Many outstanding members of the party fell in a heroic fight against the Occupying Power or the Communist police. Many of the most prominent Smallholders chose exile, but remained faithful to their convictions. Yet it is to this party's everlasting shame that its ranks were found the men who subjected to subordination this fine Hungarian political force of a truly democratic past to Communist dictation. In the case of Cardinal Mindszenty, the most outrageous trial of Hungarian history, they nervously undertook the part of hired assassins.

Motion Passed

At the end of October 1948 the Smallholders held a party conference at a small watering place on Lake Balaton. There they passed the following motion: "The Party Conference protests against the abuse of the privileged position of the Cardinal of Hungary by the regime in its activities directed against the State and democracy. By bringing politics into the churches and processions, the Archbishop of Esztergom is doing grave injury to the interests of the Church and of the Catholic masses. The Smallholders' Party calls upon Catholics loyal to their religion and their loyalty to their country to reject the anti-revolutionary spirit manifested in 'Mindszentyism.' We call upon the Government to prevent the constant disturbances of spiritual peace." Furthermore, Bognar, the Mayor of Budapest, and Ortutay, Minister of Education, stated that Cardinal Mindszenty was hoping for the outbreak of the third world war, and that was the Hungarian democracy which really stood on the basis of the Gospel.

Thus spoke the Smallholders, the mercenaries of the Communists: but at the same time the general staff of the all-powerful *Pravda* had already pronounced the true purpose of the whole campaign. A month before the party conference of the Smallholders on Lake Balaton, Josef Reval, the ideological leader of the Communists, had declared at a conference of the Hungarian Workers' Party: "Hungarian democracy is progressing along the road of regaining peaceful evolution towards Socialism and that is why it has not passed through a period of bloody civil war like the Soviet Union." The Hungarian working classes, said Reval, had been freed by the Red Army from the shackles of great estates and capitalism. Our road the Communist Party continued, differs from the one followed by the Soviet Union in 1917, but only in the form of its development, not in its essence. He declared that open war must be declared against all hostile, harmful, dangerous ideologies. These included the romantic conception of peasant life, Clericalism and the pseudo-objectivity of science. "In the fight against Clericalism," Reval said, "we must change our ideological attitude which has been purely defensive in the past. As Clericalism grows more and more unrestricted in its demagogic attack on materialism, we cannot restrict ourselves to the refutation of the charges that we are enemies of religion and the Church. We must beat back every attack; we must proclaim the truth of materialism. In the war against Clericalism we must utilize in the future the means and traditions of middle-class democracy in its anti-clerical struggles."

Reval's Implication

Josef Reval's implication that the persecution of the Church was the means of fighting

Clericalism certainly showed diplomatic adroitness. He spoke even more diplomatically when he declared that for Hungary the model and example of progress would be always the Soviet Union. We have already seen how article 124 of the Stalin Constitution determined the position of religion and the Church in Russia. After this preliminary statement the least that could be said about the Hungarian Smallholders is that they behaved shamefully and treacherously. Abusing the true interests of religion and the Church, they forced the Catholic masses to take part in demonstrations and protests against Cardinal Mindszenty. No unbiased observer, familiar with the facts, could deny that these demonstrations were completely foreign to the hearts and convictions of the Hungarian Catholics, and that force and trickery were used to humiliate and coerce them.

Even before the Church schools were nationalised various Catholic societies were bullied and blackmailed into demonstrating for peace between State and Church against the "political" activity of Cardinal Mindszenty. Here again the Communists and their hirelings pursued a systematic plan of campaign. They induced pupils of the secondary schools and adolescent members of the Catholic congregations to draw up "protests." Representatives were sent out from the Central Office of the Communist Party. When classes ended, the students were locked in their classrooms: they were told that they could not go home until they had signed the "protest" documents which had been drawn up by the hired Party centre in the name of Catholic students. Even so, some of these Communist agents were rather careless. A good many of the "protests" bore the signatures of students who were actually away ill or had left the school in question—but the pupils of Moson-cow did not shrink from a little forgery. Thus the first "protest" letter of the Szeged Congregation of students was initiated, calling upon Catholic students of other secondary schools to take a similar step. Yet though the utmost terror and pressure were applied, this call met with a response only in the form of a few signatures. Budapest. On the other hand, the example of the students of Szeged was followed by the Catholic professors of Szeged University. They were told that they would, without exception, lose their chairs unless they signed the document composed by the Communist Party.

The Catholic education of youth had two centres in Hungary before the present Communist regime. One was the Congregations in the secondary schools, the other the Boy Scouts. The Catholic Boy Scouts, which had been organised by the Catholic parishes and the congregation of the Holy Virgin, co-operated harmoniously with other Boy Scout troops in secondary schools consisting of boys of different faiths.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



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PUBLIC OPINION

We were once again impressed, at an American film the other evening, with the immediate, forcible reaction of people living in a democratic country to the publication of news of importance. Particularly in the United States, Britain and Western Europe, a report of some development affecting elementary rights or justice rouses the man-in-the-street to vociferous action within the shortest possible time.

In the film in question, it was mentioned that 20 people an hour were ringing a newspaper office, and presumably flooding it with letters, after a certain article had appeared. To our mind, the contrast with Hong Kong was inevitable. Here, proposals of actual events materially affecting the welfare of the community drop into a void as far as any visible sign is concerned. Perhaps two or three individuals will put pen to paper to write to the Press, and very occasionally an organisation such as the Chamber of Commerce will take action when their members' interests are involved.

The lack of interest is no doubt largely due to the fact that the Colony has never had a vote, that government of every aspect of public affairs has been imposed from above, and the people have had no opportunity of taking part in its workings, or identifying themselves with the administration. Also, the constantly changing population and the frequent influxes of newcomers from China have not contributed to anything in the way of a social conscience.

It is the more remarkable that under such conditions Hong Kong should be so relatively well ordered and stable, that justice is largely done, and that honesty in public and private affairs is the rule rather than the exception. This is by no means to overlook the many undesirable features in our daily life, conditioned in the main by one's wealth, influence and social standing. Nor to forget that in such circumstances as exist here, powerful persons and organisations can wield power adversely affecting the community to a degree unthinkable in any mature democracy.

There is less excuse for inaction on the part of citizens brought up in the United Kingdom, accustomed to the principles and workings of self-government. They at any rate should take more interest in the schemes for reform of the administration now afoot. It is up to them to give a lead to the others who have never experienced the practice of democracy. When perhaps 100 people attend a meeting of the Reform Club, one wonders where the remaining 10,000 Europeans are, or the many Chinese, Portuguese, etc., who hold positions of some responsibility in the Colony. Not all of them may wish to be identified with the Reform Club, or agree with its aims, but we feel that the main reason for their lack of support is apathy.

The time has come, however, when all genuine citizens should realise that they

BETWEEN February and August 1948 there raged the great title of the nationalisation of Church Schools which we have traced in detail in an earlier edition of this book. As they found that the Cardinal would give ground on any point, a fury of the Communist time rose to a frenzy. No wonder therefore that in the autumn political session they began their preparations for the great battle against Cardinal Mindszenty.

The Communist strategy was well planned though, to anybody familiar with the facts, extremely transparent. They seemed to flow, in a certain sense, the turn set by the old Turkish generals who, at least in Hungary, liberated their prisoners-of-war and used them as cannon-fodder, driving them in front of their own janissaries against the enemy's fire; for to the Turkish it to be taken prisoner was disgrace, and those who were liberated from the prison camp were actually blamed for having survived and taken a vengeful and noisy Press campaign against the Cardinal and the Catholic Church was started not by the Communists themselves but by their stooges. The first to enter the fray was the newspaper, led by the renegade priest, Fr. Balogh, who had been suspected from his ecclesiastical duties, his behaviour during the educational dispute. His pro-Communist party was also mobilised. He was followed by the so-called middle-class Smallholders, by the "Catholic" leaders, and by the end of the day heavy artillery of Matthias, the Hungarian Communist Party, and his general, open fire. At his head, in turn, blazed the masses, who had in organised by force into Communist ranks. When the Communists had been raised to a boil and public opinion felt to be unendurable they began the incredible step of arresting Cardinal Mindszenty, the Primate of Hungary.

On August 1, 1948, the *Pravda* newspaper, the *Pravda* of the Soviet Union, published a six-page article under the title "Politicisation of the Church in Hungary." It was in the form of a letter signed by "a practicing Catholic and convinced democrat." The basis of the violent attack contained in this article had been laid in a series of interviews with a correspondent of the *Pravda* in this interview the Cardinal said: "We are at war with materialism, and this war is a spiritual war. We are at war with the same nature as that which the Cardinal Faulhaber of Preysing a short time ago spoke of in the materialism of the West. Once against we are faced with a totalitarian system which persecutes the good reason to believe that the practicing Catholicism is actually Father Balogh himself, indignantly against anyone who compared Hungarian democracy with Nazi barbarism and expressed his anxiety that the Cardinal, by publishing his purely personal and political views, would lose his credit as the 'Shepherd' of Hungarian Catholics. It was not the servant of Christ, said the anonymous writer, who spoke with the voice of Cardinal Mindszenty, but the embittered enemy of democracy. Those behind him were the former glorifiers of the totalitarian system and the gas-chambers; those who had killed the two German Cardinals, Faulhaber and Preysing, Jewish, Irish, Scottish and Swiss Catholic bishops who sent telegrams expressing sympathy to Cardinal Mindszenty probably

have a duty to the community. In view of the world threat of Communism, which will soon be brought to our own border, the British administration must be broadened and improved, and all permanent residents should come to realise that there is a place in which it is worthwhile to live.



According to a contemporary yesterday, Sydney looked as if it had been "through a disaster or lived on an airlift." The city may not be uplifted, but apparently is much up in the air about the worst industrial depression since the war.

"Mr. Coghill did not to receive these instructions until tomorrow. It'll have to be made clearer than that."

The Reds talk of a mass of prelates like we talk of a covey of partridges.....

We are always glad to hear of these courageous ships that sail the seven seas (when allowed by blockades) and face storm stress, and battle through typhoons.

It was, however, with a slight sense of awe that we read in a contemporary yesterday about the vessel, which although eventually sunk herself, "was reported to have capsized the wind."

It's An Ill Wind
Twas in the Japanese blockade Hong Kong achieved her record trade. When thinking of those fortunes made. Why should we feel, today, dismayed?

Swan sailing at the mouth of the Yangtze reminds one of the old conundrum about who takes care of the caretaker.

Ex-Stanley-ite said he had to stay in the country till his hair grew again. Even lunatic have their Dellails, it seems.

When we talk of "steel" in Government circles "y" we are careful to speak out the word to avoid misunderstandings.

There is a wall going up because rubber prices are under production costs. When they are up you hear nothing. Seems the industry lacks elasticity, if a little matter like that can fill the labour exchanges with Late-explorers...

On hearing a bit of gossip, Mrs. MacDonald remarked, "Paul, there's smoke, there's fire." But Mrs. Stewart of the Blues put it more plithly: "There's aye some water fair the stirkle droons."

Melbourne is to have silent trains in October. Sydney's remain the big noise in Australian transport.

Gold's Red Giltter
Mao Tse-tung and his men at last.

Are "bandits" now no more. The world is beading a path (and fast) Up to their Yangtze door. Oh, it's "Mister" Mao when the Bankers call. And the Consuls cry: "God bless!" Most polite are the Talpans all. And the Pandits of the Press!

Eager to eat the victor's dirt They vie with scrape and how To fix gold studs in the new bolled-shirt Of new found Comrade Mao!

COMMUNIST ATTACK ON POLICY OF HK GOVERNMENT

San Francisco, June 23.

The Chinese Communists today accused the British of "crushing the people's rights" in Hong Kong. A Peiping radio broadcast, heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco said: "Peiping circles are closely watching the arbitrary policies pursued by the British Hong Kong Government in depriving the Chinese people of their rights in Hong Kong."

It asserted that the British "secret police" searched the residence "of the well-known Chinese Communist in Hong Kong, Fang Fang." The radio said nothing was discovered in the search.

In its second attack this month on Hong Kong, the Peiping radio again took exception to the British order in May banning all societies and organisations affiliated with political parties abroad.

The broadcast alleged that during the past half year the Hong Kong Government had "attacked the rights of freedom of the Chinese people who form 95 per cent of Hong Kong's population."

The broadcast further said that the Hong Kong Government's two acts of "closing the Fitch College in the latter part of February and the proclamation of the Ordinance for the registration of societies on May 25 have evoked widespread indignation of the Chinese people."

It quoted Communist circles as seeing the alleged recent searching of the home of a well-known Hong Kong Chinese Communist as heralding "further attacks on the rights of freedom of Chinese Communists and other Chinese residents in Hong Kong."

The same circles, the broadcast added, pointed out: "This cannot but make the Chinese people ask the question: 'What is the purpose of the British authorities in turning Hong Kong into a city of terror?'"

Another broadcast accused the Government of Italy of obstructing the entry of Chinese delegates to the Congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions at Milan.

The broadcast said the China delegation had twice asked the Italian Consulate in Czechoslovakia for entry into Italy without success.

Kwangtung Move

During the lull in the civil war, the radio reported a bid from the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, for an uprising in Kwangtung.

BRITISH AID FOR REFUGEES

London, June 22. Britain is to make another £100,000 available to the British Voluntary Societies for the maintenance of Arab refugees, a large proportion of whom are children, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told Parliament today.

Members had urged in the House of Commons that Britain should contribute to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Mr. Bevin said that the Children's Emergency Fund is unlikely to be in a position to continue or to extend the work it has been doing in the Middle East, where the serious plight of the Arab refugees needs urgent attention.—Reuter.

COMMANDOS COMING TO HONG KONG

Valetta, June 22. An advance party of the Third Commando Brigade will leave Malta on June 29 for Hong Kong.

They will be followed, on July 21 by the main body, a usually reliable source said here today.

The Third Commando Brigade comprises about 2,200 men in all under the command of Brigadier C. R. Hardy.

The Commandos were among the troops stationed in Hong Kong after the liberation in 1945.—Reuter.

ARREST OF BERAN EXPECTED

Vatican City, June 22. Vatican circles believe that the arrest of the Archbishop of Prague, Monsignor Josef Beran, may take place at any moment.

The campaign against the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia is considered here to be moving rapidly towards a climax, which would result in the arrest of those principally concerned in opposing the Government.

The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano," said today that the Communist Government of Czechoslovakia is framing up the same charges against the Czech Catholic Church as it did with the Hungarian Church before the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.

The newspaper carried a front page four-column article entitled "From Budapest to Prague, accusations change in name only."

The Government-sponsored Czechoslovak Catholic Action today urged bishops not to interfere with its efforts to reach an agreement between the Church and the State.

The statement, issued by the Executive Committee, regretted the refusal of the "Church dignitaries" to acknowledge these efforts, but declared that it will continue trying for an agreement in the firm conviction that it will succeed.

All voluntary members of the Catholic Action were excommunicated by the Vatican on Monday, 24 hours after Monsignor Beran was greeted with boos, whistles and catcalls when preaching in St. Vitus Cathedral in the capital.

The statement said: "We are disturbed by the attempts to mislead the Church for a political struggle against the State, which tends to endanger its noble mission."

The Czechoslovak Minister of Education, M. Zdenek Nejedlik said today: "The people of the democratic regime will never hurt those priests who are loyal to the Republic and will help to organise a better life in this State."

Father Josef Lukacovic, a member of the Slovak Board of Trustees who a year ago was relieved of his Church duties for taking part in politics, said today that the foundation of a new Church is not intended.

"In questions of religion and morals, we submit in all to the Holy See but we cannot subordinate ourselves to the political and State power of the Papal State in matters which are in conflict with the interests of the Republic," he said.

"We do not want a schism, but we cannot allow a repudiation of the case in Hungary. If 65,000,000 Catholics in the people's democratic countries want to live a religious life they must not be prevented from it, nor must they be incited against their Governments," Father Lukacovic said.—Reuter and United Press.

Severe Drought In America

New York, June 22.

Fear of serious damage to farm crops grew today as a three weeks' heat wave and dry spell continued in the North Eastern United States.

The prolonged drought has also intensified the hazard of fires in the heavily wooded areas of the New England States. Temperatures have exceeded 40 degrees Centigrade in the parched areas.

In Massachusetts alone, the drought damage to crops is estimated at \$5,000,000. In New York State, the drought is described as serious.—Reuter.

QUICK THINKING SAVES PLANE

Memphis, Tennessee, June 2.

Quick thinking by the pilot saved the lives of 43 persons aboard an American Airlines Convair today when it crashed shortly after taking off. At least 30 were injured but nobody was killed.

The pilot, Ed Hatch, radioed the Municipal Airport tower as he became airborne that his right engine had stopped and he had feathered it. Fighting to keep control of the two-engine plane, he aimed it into a 200 yard clearing in the suburbs of Memphis and made a belly landing with the right engine afire.—United Press.

FRENCH DENIAL

Paris, June 22.

The French Ministry of National Defence today denied press reports alleging atrocities by the French Army in Indo-China.

An official communiqué said: "Certain press photographs on this subject have always been without information about date, place and origin." The communiqué added that action is being taken against about 20 papers for making such accusations.—Reuter.

NPL DIRECTOR

London, June 22.

Professor E. C. Bullard, Professor of Physics at the University of Toronto since last year, has been appointed Director of the National Physical Laboratory. Professor Bullard is expected to take up the appointment next January. He will succeed Sir Charles Darwin, who is retiring on account of age.—Reuter.

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AUSTRIAN ARMY TO BE CREATED

Vienna, June 22.

An Austrian Army will be created when the Allied troops withdraw, Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor, told Ruter in a special interview today.

Dr. Figl said that this Army, together with the police, will undoubtedly be able to deal with any danger of a Communist bid to seize power.

He hopes to secure Allied permission to establish at least part of the Army by September 1.

"The Austrian Army must be ready in time," he declared. The Austrian Chancellor disclosed that the Russian demand that the Austrian Army should be equipped only with arms of Austrian manufacture has now been dropped.

Therefore, there will be no obstacle to the efficient arming and equipping of a Federal Army once the Allies give permission for its formation.

Asked what will happen if Austria fails to pay one of the instalments of Russia on time, the Chancellor said that such details have not yet been worked out.

Guarantees Needed

He said that strong guarantees will have to be laid down in the peace treaty to ensure that its terms—such as those dealing with oil—are strictly carried out.

He hopes that such guarantees will be international. Dr. Figl declared that the question of displaced persons, which has not yet been included in the draft treaty, will have to be settled by the Foreign Ministers' deputies between June 20 and September 1.

The Chancellor's open smile and frequent jokes during the interview indicated even more than his words his real satisfaction with the Paris agreement of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, and his confidence in Austria's future.—Reuter.

CHANNEL MINING A MYSTERY

Ostend, June 22.

Naval experts in London are looking for an explanation of how the Princess Astrid struck a mine four years after the war in a "lone" declared mine-free.

The Princess Astrid was on her way from Ostend to Dover with 218 passengers and 55 crew when she hit the mine and sank off Dunkirk yesterday.

Besides the five Belgian members of the crew who were killed, about 15 people were injured. Ten of these left Dunkirk Hospital after treatment.

Two of the passengers who landed at Dover this morning were taken to a hospital there.

A spokesman of the Belgian Ministry of Communications in Brussels disclosed that Captain Andrew Timmermans, master of the Princess Astrid, averted an even greater disaster by swinging the vessel on to a sandbank after the mine explosion, enabling survivors to be removed safely.

An American passenger is reported to have taken a movie of the incident.

M. L. Devos, Director-General of the Belgian Communication Ministry's Maritime Services, left Brussels this morning for Dunkirk to open inquiry into the sinking.—Reuter.

Now You Know Who Saved Britain!

Moscow, June 22.

Claims that the Soviet Union "saved Britain from Hitler" were re-iterated today by the Soviet press in articles to mark the eighth anniversary of Germany's attack on Russia.

Colonel P. Yakhlov, writing in the Communist newspaper "Pravda," added that the East-West cold war began when the Western powers deliberately delayed the launching of the second front.

Press comment today charged that Western imperialists, even in wartime, desired a Hitler victory over Russia in order to smash the Soviet State.

While Soviet armed forces fought alone for three years on an immense front against Hitler's war machine, huge expeditionary forces of the United States and Britain calmly sat it out in safe garrison camps, "Pravda" stated.

"The solemn obligations of the Allies to open a second front in Europe in 1942 and then in 1943 were violated," the newspaper said.

"The intentional dragging out of the opening of mass operations in Europe," "Pravda" continued, "was in essence a prologue to the beginning of a cold war of Anglo-American reactionaries against the USSR."

"Only when it became clear to all—even the most near-sighted—that the Soviet Union was capable of completing the defeat of Hitler's Germany alone, only then did the inveterate enemy of the USSR, Mr. Churchill, hurry to save everything possible of the reactionary bulwarks," said "Pravda."

Major-General J. Zubrov, writing in the Army newspaper "Red Star," said the modern imperialists, chiefly the United States and Britain, have "adopted both Hitler's politics and his military theory. They have the same ideology as Fascist Germany and await the same fate."

Editorials in all papers stressed that the Soviet Union emerged from the war strong and confident, with a healthy economy now being built up, while the capitalist countries faced the threat of crises, unemployment and a deterioration of living standards.

While the Soviet Union goes on towards full Communism under the leadership of Stalin and the Communist Party, the eventual crash of capitalism is inevitable, they said.—Reuter and Associated Press.

ECA GRANTS TO CHINA

Washington, June 22.

The ECA today allocated China \$1,400,000 for use by the Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction. This includes projects such as irrigation, education and pest control in South and in West China.

It allotted Korea \$216,000 to buy engines and turbines and \$15,000 for metal working machinery.—United Press.

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PALESTINE PEACE TALKS ON VERGE OF FAILURE

Lausanne, June 23.

The efforts to reach a Jewish-Arab peace settlement are threatened with failure. This was reported formally here today by the United Nations' Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

In its third progress report to the UN Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, the commission said that it has been unable to bring the two parties to the dispute into joint sessions because of their intransigent attitude but that it is continuing its efforts, now in their eighth week.

Pressure exerted by the Arab delegations in favour of negotiations on the refugee question,

combined with Israeli pressure in favour of territorial negotiations, threatened to create a situation in which it would be difficult to arrive at agreement on a solution of these fundamental problems, the commission said.

The commission said that it is now concentrating on reaching a solution to this deadlock.

Refugee Problem

The report added that the commission is trying to break the deadlock tendency by leading the Arab states to negotiate on territorial questions by persuading the state of Israel that it must contribute in a substantial manner to the solution of the refugee problem.

That solution, the report said, must relate not only to the general aspect of the question—that of the repatriation, resettlement and economic and social rehabilitation of the refugees—but also to its more immediate and certainly no less important aspect that concerns the preliminary measures to be taken for the safeguarding of their rights and property.—Associated Press.

BEVIN ON JAPANESE TREATY

London, June 23.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said in the House of Commons today that while the great powers disagree on a peace treaty for Japan, the whole question is being discussed by the Far Eastern Commission on the basis of American proposals.

Mr. Luke Teeling, Conservative, had asked Mr. Bevin whether in view of the difficulty of reaching an agreement with the USSR in Europe, the British Government will now take steps to bring about a peace treaty with Japan without Russian co-operation.

"I cannot accept the implication in the question that we should despair of reaching an agreement with the Soviet Government on European questions," Mr. Bevin replied.

As to Japan, I quite admit that there is disagreement between the great powers, not so much on getting a peace treaty but on the procedure as to how to get it.—Associated Press.

Suspect's Outburst In Court

Washington, June 22.

Miss Judith Coplon today screamed at the prosecutor at her spy trial that he was trying "to brand me as a harlot."

She then shouted that she believed H. P. Shapiro, Justice Department lawyer, with whom she admitted spending several nights in hotel rooms "is part of this whole frame-up."

She challenged the Government to "bring Mr. Shapiro here with the FBI agents who trailed us and the dictaphone."

She refused to budge from her story that she deeply loved Valentin Gubitchev despite her admission that she spent several nights with another man during her kissless romance with the Russian engineer. But she told her trial federal court jury that she never could love a man who was attached to Soviet ideals.—United Press.

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U.S. Atomic Bomb Output Is OK

Washington, June 22.

The atomic production manager, Walter Williams, declared today that the United States atomic bomb output is "okay."

Mr. Williams testified before the House Senate Atomic Energy Committee which is investigating mismanagement charges against the Atomic Energy Commission.

At one point he blurted: "I believe if you were able to tell publicly what has been accomplished by the Commission, the people would feel that the programme is in good hands and the security of the country, as far as making bombs concerned, is okay."—United Press.

India Will Resist All Imperialism

Lake Success, June 22.

Mr. M. R. Masani, Indian expert on the United Nations Sub-Commission on Minority Rights, said today: "While India welcomes assistance in solving her problems, we do not want the patronising of any self-appointed champion and will resist all imperialism, white or red."

Mr. Masani was speaking on various proposals before the 12-member Sub-Commission on the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities, whose members sit as individuals rather than as Government representatives.

Mr. Masani said: "We who come from Asia no longer feel the need for outside championship." He recalled a statement made by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, in which he emphasised that India no longer feels subjugated, sat upon or trampled.

"We do not deserve pity, we feel as our nation and we do not want patronising support. We are nobody's stooges," Mr. Masani declared.

Mr. Masani added: "And we do not want to be made to feel grateful for any support. The race problem is a challenge which will have a definite influence on world peace."—Reuter.

Swarm Of Locusts In Arabia

London, June 22.

The East African Desert Locust Survey is co-operating with officers of the Aden Department of Agriculture in a campaign against swarms of locusts which have invaded the Aden Protectorate from Arabia.

The locusts, if not checked, may spread into British Somaliland, Ethiopia and Eritrea, and from there into British East Africa.

Experts believe that the luxuriant vegetation which sprang up in Eastern Arabia after last winter's rainfall—the heaviest for 50 years—provided sufficient food to enable the locusts to swarm.

Motorist parties are being sent to the infested areas and are using gammaran, a substance which kills the locusts but is harmless to cattle, sheep and camels.—Reuter.

"FOUL" CAMPAIGN BY RUSSIA A "FAILURE"

Belgrade, June 22.

Yugoslav leaders today pronounced the failure of what they called a foul campaign by Russia to overthrow the regime of Marshal Tito. Tito's lieutenants at the same time reported that for all practical purposes the remainder of the Cominform Bloc has broken off relations with Yugoslavia.

Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have severed not only their political ties but even cultural and economic relations with Yugoslavia, they said.

Re-affirmation of Yugoslavia's firm stand against pressure of the Soviet bloc came from high officials on a speaking tour of the traditionally pro-Russian Montenegro. It was their first normal rally into the region which for centuries has looked to Russia as its protector.

The main speakers were the Vice-Premier, Edvard Kardelj and Moshe Pijade, Communist elder statesman.

They minced no words in denouncing Soviet Russia since the Cominform attacked Yugoslavia last June 18.

"After one year it is clear to the whole world what is actually hidden between the lines of the Cominform resolution," the fiery little Pijade told his audience of 12,000 at Titograd, capital city of Montenegro, near Albania's frontier.

Then he reported the breaking of all ties with Yugoslavia by the Cominform group and added that very little remains.

"Provocations"

Kardelj said that the satellites, instead of discussing differences at a council table, had chosen the road of economic sanctions, rupture of economic relations or organised border provocations on the Hungarian, Bulgarian and other frontiers, or sabotage inside the country.

He asked: "What is really behind the Cominform resolution and behind the campaign conducted against our country? It means in effect forcing someone else's will on our working masses and we comrades did not fight so that other people could enforce their will on us."

"This whole campaign is nothing but undervaluation of the will of our people and that in effect means the introduction of terroristic methods in the relations between Socialist countries."

Misuse Of Authority

Pijade and Kardelj said the coming anniversary of the Cominform resolution will find the Yugoslav people united as never before with a closer relationship than ever between the Communist Party and the people.

Pijade said Russia had misused its great authority as a leading Socialist country and had dissipated the wealth of goodwill in Yugoslavia.

He said: "The great Russia and six other countries are solidly organised against Yugoslavia with the aim of changing the Government in our country or introducing a regime they want, of choking our five-year plan and of conducting affairs in countries as they may find appropriate."—United Press.

'FRISCO QUAKE

San Francisco, June 22.

A slight earthquake was felt throughout the San Francisco Bay region today at 6.09 p.m. (CMT).

There are no reports of injuries or property damage.—Reuter.

Straight Talking By Tribe

Serowe, Bechuanaland, June 22.

There was straight talking in the shade of the camel-thorn trees in this remote African village today when 10,000 tribesmen continued their parley to decide whether or not they want 27-year-old Seretse Hama as their chief after his marriage to a 24-year-old London typist, Ruth Williams.

Tribesmen after tribesmen went to the centre of the circle of quaking natives to give their views for or against accepting a white woman as the wife of a chief.

Then a chief named Serogona Seretse said that Seretse had stated that he would not have the chieftainship without his wife, and added sternly: "The talk is not of the wife but of the chieftainship."

This brought loud "pulas" (applause), at which the Regent, Chief Tshekedi, rose and said that, for the first time, plain speaking had begun.

The assembly, which resumes tomorrow, is expected to end later this week.

Seretse, who was studying law at Oxford University, was summoned home after his marriage. In January, his tribe offered him the choice of giving up his wife or his chieftainship. He has since been reported to be trying to keep both.—Reuter.

BENGAL RIOTS

Calcutta, June 22.

Crowds, shouting Communist slogans are reported to have made simultaneous attacks today on a police post, a goal and a labour union office in and near Serampore, about 25 miles from here. They launched the attacks in three sections after a meeting in a suburb of Serampore.—Reuter.

"Iron Lung" Pool To Be Formed

Rome, June 23.

The World Health Organisation hopes to build up a stock of artificial respirators, popularly known as "iron lungs," to combat outbreaks of infantile paralysis.

The project today received the approval of the WHO second assembly's programme committee. It is planned to call an international conference of experts on infantile paralysis.

Under the plan the respirators would be lent to countries together with competent operation personnel. The proposal was put forward originally by the Belgian delegation in last year's world health assembly.

The delegates from more than 60 countries also heard Dr. J. R. Rees, president of the World Mental Health Association, urge a global campaign to fight mental illnesses.

Dr. Rees of London said: "We know that in certain countries at least one-third of all prolonged illness is due to emotional causes, not physical causes at all." He added that where the mental health of a community is high, sickness, delinquency and crime rates fall.

Dr. Rees urged that mental health work be made a regular part of the WHO programme. This proposal has been recommended to the assembly and will be discussed.

The Organisation is to spend £20,000 during 1950 in fighting all kinds of "catching diseases," ranging from small-pox and yellow fever to whooping cough and measles.

A programme, which was agreed upon today, provides for: 1. Expert groups to study the most effective means of obtaining universal vaccination against small-pox, which, in 1944, is estimated to have caused 210,000 deaths in India alone. 2. A conference of infantile paralysis experts to study means of checking the spread of this disease, of which 89,000 cases have been reported in the United

BARKLEY ON U.S. ECONOMY

Oxford, Ohio, June 22.

Vice-President Alben W. Barkley said last night that the present recession is merely a levelling off period.

He said: "It may level off a little more in the next few months but by the end of the year I look for it to start up again and become stable."

Mr. Barkley said that it is a mistake to regard this period as the forerunner of a depression such as the United States had in the 1930's.

Conditions are different now with things on a firmer basis and business generally sounder, he said, and added: "The Federal Government has seen to that."

Mr. Barkley said: "Additional regulations of such things as commerce, communications and labour are necessary, inevitable and asked for by the people. It was a simple thing to live in a free, pastoral, isolated America in the early days of our country. Since then, however, there has been an industrial revolution, two world wars, a tremendous growth in population and a shrinking world."

The Vice-President said there is a tremendous connection between economics and politics and that there must be proper regulation of production and distribution of goods.

He said: "Economic conditions affect politics in that the people will vote for the person who strives to give them the things they need."—United Press.

JUSTICES TAKE WITNESS STAND

New York, June 22.

Two United States Supreme Court Justices and the Chief Justice of the U.S. Circuit Court Appeals at Boston testified on behalf of Alger Hiss at his perjury trial today.

Justices Felix Frankfurter and Stanley Reed and Boston Justice Calvert Magruder said that Hiss' reputation was excellent and good.

The prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Thomas Murphy, unswayed by the fact that he was cross-examining Supreme Court Justices, wrangled briefly with Mr. Frankfurter. The latter stalked out of the courtroom looking somewhat annoyed after testifying.—Associated Press.

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BERLIN RAILWAYMEN'S PLAN TO LIFT CITY'S "LITTLE BLOCKADE"

NO END TO COLD WAR IN SIGHT

Washington, June 22.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, today urged Congress to back up some worthwhile progress made at the Paris Big Four meeting by ratifying the North Atlantic Pact and passing the arms to Europe programme at this session.

Mr. Acheson called for Congressional action in a statement issued after he appeared before a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to report on the Paris conference.

"Although some progress was made toward solving cold war problems, failure of the conference to obtain a satisfactory and firm agreement on the economic and political unification of Germany illustrates the still widely divergent views on basic issues between the Soviet Union and the Western powers," he said.

The United States' firm policy in Europe needs backing up with Senate ratification of the treaty and Congressional approval of its companion arms programme, he added.

According to diplomatic informants, Mr. Acheson told the Foreign Relations Committee that no end to the cold war is in sight.

John Foster Dulles, the Republican Party's foreign policy adviser, said today that the results of the Paris meeting demonstrate the Russian desire to renew full diplomatic relations with the West.

He added: "But the change in attitude did not come about because the Soviet delegation was converted to moderation. The Soviet leaders may feel that their immediate problem in Europe is not to get more but keep what they have."

Mr. Dulles said Russia may be leading for an internal struggle as serious as that which culminated in the 1938 purge trials conducted by Andrei Vyshinsky, now Soviet Foreign Minister.

United Press.

TIE VOTE ON THOREZ ISSUE

Paris, June 22.

The French National Assembly today rejected a motion to remove Parliamentary immunity from the French Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez, whom the Attorney-General's Office wishes to prosecute for assault.

The voting ended heated with 100 votes on each side. According to Parliamentary procedure, a tie in the voting counts as a negative vote on the motion.

The motion arose out of a complaint that M. Thorez struck a Socialist Municipal Council candidate at Cachan, near Paris, in October, 1947.—Reuter.

SIDELIGHTS OF SYDNEY BLACKOUT

Sydney, June 23.

Strict fuel rationing in face of a threatened miners' strike produced those black-out sidelights in Sydney today:

Girls in milk bars are now making milk shakes in cocktail shakers instead of with electrically operated whisks.

Jewellers show only their cheaper lines and politely decline to take rings and diamonds into the street to show them in the light.

Women will not buy hats in a poor light. They look at frocks in shop windows and doorways but still will not buy.

There is an all-day scramble in shops and stores by people seeking kerosene and methylated

spirits and small stoves to burn these fuels for light, heating and cooking.

Most factories are closed and 300,000 men and women are unemployed in Sydney and New South Wales as a direct result of the fuel cuts.

Hospitals admit only pregnant women and accident cases.

Transport has been halved—and from 2 p.m. on Saturday until midnight on Sunday—no trains run in Sydney. Trams are the city's main transport.—Associated Press.

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Rail Scheme Totally Impracticable

Berlin, June 22.
An official British statement tonight describes the emergency service proposed by the striking West Berlin railwaymen to unload supply trains from Western Germany in Berlin's Western sectors as totally impracticable.

"The Western Commandants could hardly be expected to sponsor this suggestion officially," the statement said.—Reuter.

"Remember Germany's Victims"

London, June 22.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, urged the House of Commons today to have a corner in their hearts for the victims of Germany.

A member had asked whether he would order the cessation of the dismantling of the Fischer-Tropsch synthetic petroleum plant in the Ruhr in view of the reasons made against it by representatives of the German people.

Mr. Bevin replied that he could not accept the implication in the second part of the question.

"This particular plant is in the prohibited and limited industries section, and for that reason is being dismantled."

"I would appeal to members to have a corner in their hearts for the victims of Germany," Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin stated that Britain had tried to keep dismantling in Germany to a minimum consistent with security.

"We do not want to make the mistake which we made after the 1918 war," he added.—Reuter.

TITO PROTEST ON BIG FOUR

Belgrade, June 22.

Yugoslavia today protested to Soviet Russia, the United States, Britain and France against the rejection by the Council of Foreign Ministers of Yugoslav territorial claims on Austria.

A note handed by the Assistant Foreign Minister, Mr. Vladimir Popovich, to the Belgrade representatives of the four Powers described the rejection as unacceptable.

It insists that the Council of Foreign Ministers should re-examine the Yugoslav claims against Austria and take a just decision.

This should be done with the participation of and in consultation with the representatives of the Yugoslav Government.—Reuter.

"TOUGH GOING" FOR BRITAIN

Washington, June 22.

Thomas Finletter, retiring head of the ECA Mission in Britain, following a conference with President Truman, told the press today that he predicts tough going in Britain due to the disappearance of a sellers market, but in 1948 under the able leadership of Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain made a superb recovery.

Marshall Plan aid is more necessary this year than ever, he said.—United Press.

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Lesson 37 (B)

- Vocabulary:
277. (tsai) faaye(3).
 278. (man) (3)man.
 279. (fel) fay(1).
- Combinations:
11. Faaye(3) dee(1)
 12. Faaye(3) hoh(2) daw(1)
 13. (3)man man(2)
 14. (1)haang
 15. Shue(1) (3)look
 16. (1)Hong hong(1)
 17. Goong(1) see(1)
 18. (1)Hong-hoong(1) goong(1)-see(1)
 19. (1)Haang (2)lay
 20. (2)Moon yee(3)
- Transport and Communication:
12. (2)Ngaw (3)dzee-gay(2) seung(3)- (2)hah
 - "Daap(3) (1)shuen hui(3), faaye(3)-(3)man"
 13. "Daap(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) hui(3), (2)ngaw (3)you pah(3) (1)man (3)hah gay(2) shue(1)-(3)look"
 14. "Daap(3) fay(1)-gay(1), hui(3), sui(1)-(1)yeen gwai(3)-dee(1), (3)daan-(3)hah faaye(3)-hoh(2)-daw(1)
 15. Gom(2), (2)ngaw (3)dzau kuet(3)-yee(3) daap(3) fay(1)-gay(1) hui(3)
 16. (2)Ngaw hui(3)-doh(3) yut(1) gaan(1) (1)hong-hoong(1) goong(1)-see(1)-geh(3) seh(2)-(3)dzee-(1)lau
 17. (2)Ngaw (3)wah-yut(1)-gay(3) seh(2)-lee(2)-jeet(1), (2)ngaw seung(2) daap(3) fay(1)-gay(1)-hui(3)
 18. (2)Ngaw (3)mun (2)kui gay(2)-(1)shue (2)you fay(1)-gay(1) hui(3)
 19. Joong(1)-gwok(3)
 20. (2)Kui (3)wahn-(2)ngaw-jeet(1) yeeo(3) yut(1) hui(3)-leut(1)-(3)shup yin(1)-(3)hong gom(3)-(3)shuen-hah(2)
 21. Haw(2)-(2)ye daaye(3) (3)look-(3)shup-gay(2) (3)hong (1)haang-(2)loy, (1)man-shai(2) dzoy(3) hay(2) tseen(2)
 22. (2)Ngaw hoh(2) (2)moon-ye(3)
 23. Gom(2), (2)ngaw (3)dzau (2)maye yut(1) jeung(1) fay(1)
- Fast. Quick. Rapid. Slow. A ticket
- Faster. Quickly. Be quick. Hurry. Much faster. Much quicker. Slowly. Take it easy. Bye'n bye. Good-bye. (by the host).
- Comfortable. Aerial navigation. A company. A corporation. An aviation corporation.
- Baggage. Luggage. Contented. Satisfied. (Continued)
- I thought to myself.
- "To go by boat is too slow."
- "And, to go by train, I'm afraid would not be very comfortable."
- "To go by air, although more expensive, (but) it is much faster."
- So, I then decided to go by air.
- I arrived at an aviation corporation office.
- I told a clerk that I wished to go by air to China
- I asked him when there would be an aircraft going to China.
- He told me that there is an aircraft going each week.
- I asked him what is the cost of a ticket.
- He informed me it costs about a hundred and seventy pounds sterling.
- One can carry with him more than sixty pound of luggage free.
- I was very satisfied.
- So, I then bought a ticket.
- (To be continued)

STERLING TALKS PROGRESS

London, June 22.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, told Reuter today that the Anglo-Pakistan Sterling talks have been postponed on a Ministerial level to about July 11.

But talks between officials are continuing, he said. These will be concluded in the next few days.

He gave no reason for the postponement of the Ministerial talks.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed said that as the talks have been postponed on a Ministerial level for about 13 days he has decided to leave London tomorrow by air for Paris. From there he will go on

a financial study tour of Denmark and Sweden.

In both Denmark and Sweden he will study co-operative farming technique and mechanical methods of agriculture.

He will return to London on or about July 9 to continue the Sterling talks with Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Finance Minister said that due to the postponement of the Sterling talks on a Ministerial level he has had to postpone his visit to the United States.

Originally, the Minister had planned to leave for New York by sea on June 23.—Reuter.

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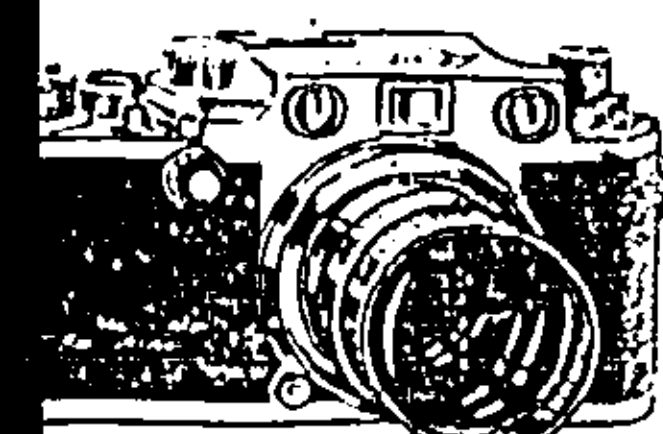
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"LITTLE CHANCE" OF UK DOLLAR DRIVE'S SUCCESS

Washington, June 23.

Leading U. S. Government officials who cannot be identified said today that they see little chance of Britain's dollar export drive succeeding.

The officials said that an increasing number of Government financial experts are coming around to the belief that devaluation of the pound looks like being Britain's main hope for improving its declining economic position.

British exporters will continue to find it extremely difficult to sell their products because their prices are high in comparison with American and Canadian goods.

These officials acknowledge that British devaluation would undoubtedly touch off a general wave of European devaluations but they view this would be beneficial in leading to greater intra-European trade as well as expanded world commerce.

American officials stress that the final decision is up to Britain but they speak more and more frankly of desiring a devaluation of the pound as a partial solution.

U. S. Treasury Department officials are known to be discussing the situation with British officials in Washington and London.

No Pressure

American authorities are now tending to avoid pressure on Britain until the Labour Government gives the latest export drive a full trial.

But because sales are declining in the American market and in the world generally, they hold out scant hope for its success.

Officials say they realize the difficulties that would ensue immediately after a pound devaluation, especially for the average British workman whose standard of living would drop.

But they say that the alternative may be even more difficult if British sales keep declining and Europe's economy follows suit.—Associated Press.

Scandalous Attack On MacArthur

Moscow, June 22.

The navy organ "Red Fleet" today reported widespread corruption and general misconduct of the American occupation forces in Japan from General MacArthur downwards.

It said in Kyoto alone, MacArthur had acquired antiques worth 300 million Yen. It said he also had bought a large block of stocks of a Japan shipping company and, with his wife, had accepted lavish gifts from Japanese industrial and financial magnates.

The paper said other American generals, lower ranking officers, privates and civilians alike had accumulated fortunes carrying out gold plate, platinum bars, silks and precious jewels worth hundreds of millions.

The "Red Fleet" charged: "Plunder, robbery and speculation has become a common occupation of the American colonizers of Japan. They rob not only the civilian population but army warehouses. The American military personnel speculates with everything from cigarettes to motorcycles.

"The appearance in the streets of American soldiers and sailors frightens the people. The Japanese are so terrified they avoid meeting the Americans."—United Press.

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UNION LEADER'S WARNING

Scarborough, June 22.

Mr. Gavin Martin, General Secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, said here today that Britain's prospects of earning enough dollars to pay for her dollar imports are growing dimmer.

The dollar deficit is still running at about £300,000,000 a year, he told the Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union here.

"While we are grateful for the Marshall Plan," he added, "there are other forces in the United States. Is the plan consistent with the narrow self-interest of the capitalist groups there?"

Mr. Martin said the co-called recession is well on the way in the United States. British imports there have fallen, and luxuries which now form the bulk of them will be the first to be hit.

Mr. Martin said that the real aim of those who want to reduce the value of sterling is to reduce the cost of real wages in Britain. Only if devaluation achieves that will it possibly aid in exporting more to dollar countries.

"At the most, we have three years to reach a balance on our dollar account. What happens if we fail? It will mean less food, less material, unemployment and a sharp reduction in our standards of living."—Reuter.

Danger To Americans In Egypt

Washington, June 22.

The State Department revealed today that it feels that certain dangers for Americans still exist in Egypt but in response to Egyptian Government protests has asked the American Embassy in Cairo to give an opinion on whether to discontinue warnings to tourists.

The Press Officer, Lincoln White, said that since an American citizen, Stephen Haas, was stoned to death in Cairo on July 18, 1948, it has been warning Americans visiting Egypt that they do so at their own risk.

The Egyptian Minister, Amr, called at the State Department on May 23 asking that this be discontinued since Egypt is now safe.

Mr. White said, however, that Egypt is still under martial law. There have been several new incidents since the Haas murder and Egypt now finds it necessary to provide tourist officers to accompany Americans in the interests of safety.—Associated Press.

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Fist Fight On Floor Of Congress

Washington, June 22.

A fist fight between Representative Adolph Sabath (Democrat, Illinois), aged 63, and Representative E.E. Cox (Democrat, Georgia), aged 69, broke out on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

According to witnesses of the incident, Mr. Sabath slapped Mr. Cox in the mouth and knocked off his glasses. Mr. Sabath countered with a right and left to Mr. Cox's face before other Congressmen parted the two combatants.

The argument was over whether the octogenarian would give his colleague time to talk in the debate on the Housing Bill.—Reuter.

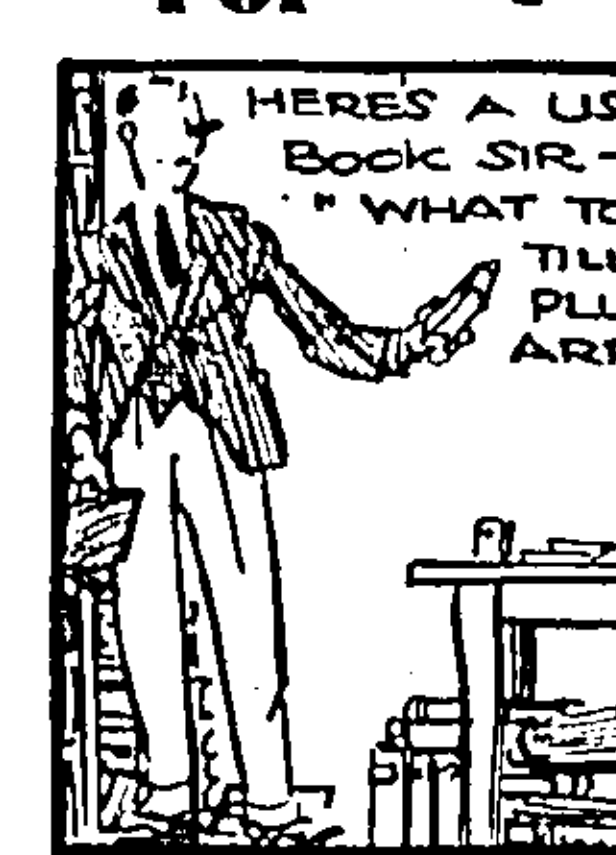
REDS DEFEATED IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, June 22.

Incomplete but nearly final returns tonight showed that 310,000 of the Communist Party suffered a major blow in voting for 30 municipal government throughout the nation.

The Communist seats in 30 cities tonight showed 20,000. Liberals increased their total from 49 to 72 seats and the Christian seats rose from 142 to 164.—United Press.

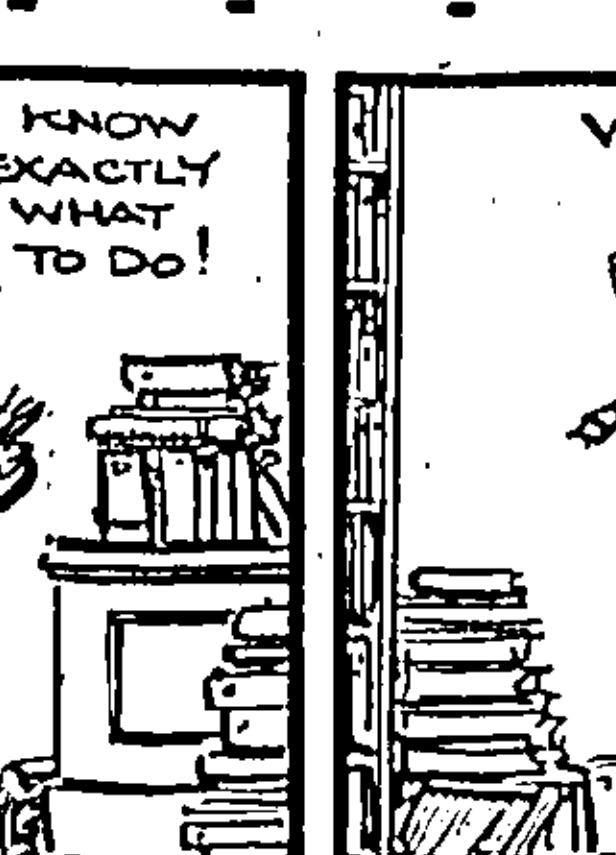
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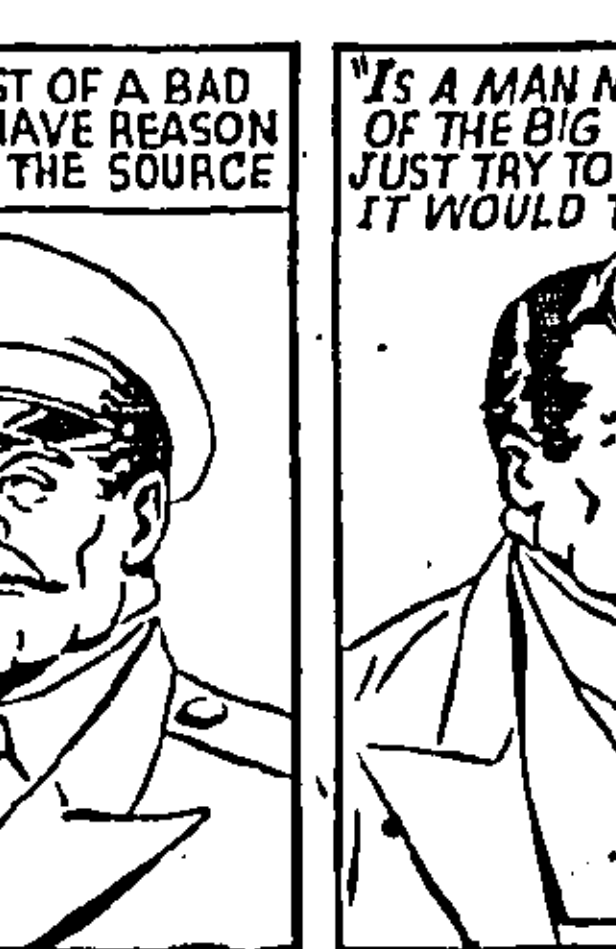
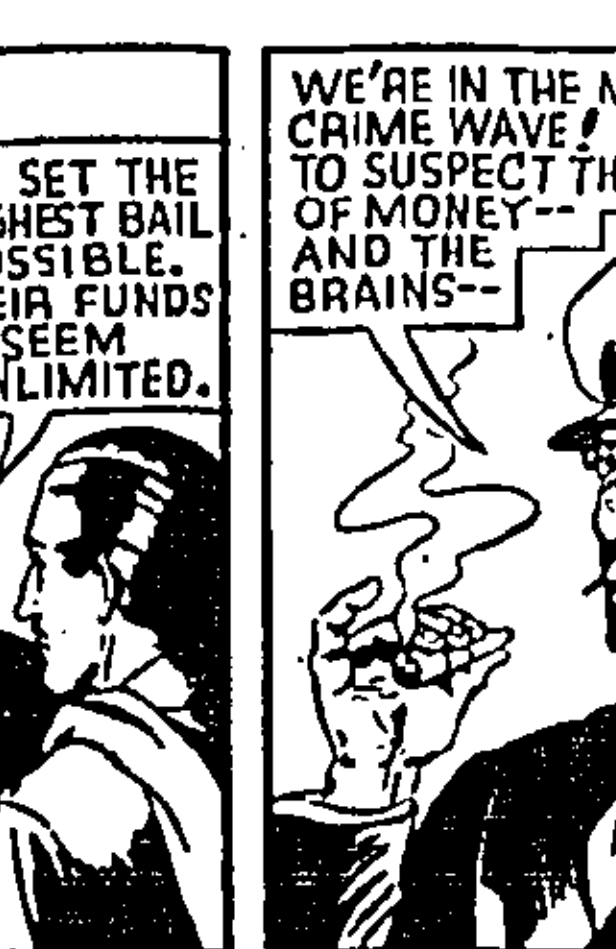


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"HUNAN"	Swatow	5 p.m. 24th June
"SHENKING"	Swatow	6 p.m. 24th June
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Saigon	5 p.m. 24th June
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Belawan	noon 24th June
"YCHOOW"	Inchon	5 p.m. 24th June
"NEWCHIWANG"	Kobe	5 p.m. 24th June
"PRODUCE"	Takao, Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 24th June
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	10th July?

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ARRIVALS FROM

"HUNAN"	Swatow	a.m. 24th June
"YCHOOW"	Tientsin & Inchon	9 a.m. 24th June
"SHENKING"	Swatow	a.m. 25th June
"POYANG"	Bangkok & Saigon	a.m. 25th June
"KWEIYANG"	Swatow	a.m. 27th June
"NEWCHIWANG"	Kobe & Keelung	26/27th June
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Amoy	27/28th June
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	28th June

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	24th & 27th June	8 a.m. 24th & 29th June
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"ANTIOCHUS"	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	26th July

ARRIVALS FROM

"EURYPYLUS"	U.K. via Straits	25th June
"ANTIOCHUS"	do	3rd July
"ANTIOCHUS"	do	13th July
"ANTIOCHUS"	do	14th July
"ANTIOCHUS"	do	2nd Aug.

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"CHANGIE"	Sydney & Melbourne	17th July

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHANSHI"	Australia & Manila	2nd July
"CHANGIE"	Australia	13th July

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12.30 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling"

12.32 p.m.—Band Call, BBC Variety Orchestra with Janet Davis, (BBC)

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Jean Bablon

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You"

2.00 p.m.—Close Down

6.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling"

6.01 p.m.—"Rhythm Rendezvous" (Radio)

6.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and B.K. Lee, (Radio)

6.50 p.m.—Anne Shelton sings for you.

7.00 p.m.—"Music Lovers Hour" Classical Request Programme presented by Yvonne Charter (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—Morton Gould and His Orchestra

8.30 p.m.—Cello Recital by Mr. Wang Lien Shan accompanied by Bert Gillette, (Studio)

8.50 p.m.—Edward Dyer-Woods "Nail down Dance" New Symphony Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report

9.11 p.m.—"Ring up the Curtain" Excerpts from De Falla's Ballad, BBC Theatre Orchestra conducted by Stanford Robinson, Carmen Del Rio (Mexico-Souram), (BBC)

9.55 p.m.—"The Show must go on" A Musical Thriller by Gerald Verne, (BBC)

10.25 p.m.—"Come into the Parlor" Music and Songs from Northern Ireland, (BBC)

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Item, (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China, (BBC)

11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

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Air Mail for Swatow and Amoy, (H.K.) 4.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

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Air Mail for Hailow and Hailow, (H.K.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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Amoy, Noon.

Bangkok, 2 p.m.

Straits and Calcutta, 2 p.m.

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Swatow, 2 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Closing Times by Air

Air Mail for Swatow and Amoy, (H.K.) 4.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

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Air Mail for Kowloon: Air Mail for Kowloon and Calcutta: Air Mail for Tientsin: Air Mail for Hailow, (H.K.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Swatow and Amoy: Air Mail for Chungking and Chengtu, (H.K.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Central, (H.K.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Hailow, 3 p.m.

Macassar, 3 p.m.

Straits, Bombay and Karachi, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Closing Times by Air

Air Mail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 5 p.m., 25/6, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 10/6.

Air Mail for Balcon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 25/6, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 20/6.

Closing Times by Sea

Japan, 9 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m.

STRIKES CRIPPLE ITALY'S SEAPORTS

Rome, June 22.

Italy's major seaports were crippled today by a seamen's strike in Naples, the nation's biggest and busiest port, and in Genoa, Livorno and Savona.

The strikers are protesting against alleged delays in payment of Government pensions and unemployment compensation.

This threat to Italy's foreign commerce came at the height of a riotous 35-day farmhands' strike now menacing grain and other harvests. The farm workers demand higher wages and family benefits.

If the seamen's strike goes on spreading it could tie up some 340 Italian ships of more than 500 tons each, including the 20,000-ton liner *Albatros*. The liner is now in New York. Foreign ships in Italian ports have not been affected.

News despatches report grave unrest among seamen in Venice, Bari, Ancona and Trieste.

The strike started suddenly last Friday aboard the *Vulturno*, a sister ship *Saturnia*, just before she was to sail for Naples and New York.

Shipowners cancelled the trip on Tuesday and are trying to get some 1,500 stranded passengers other means of transport by air or by sea from French ports.

An Associated Press despatch

from Naples said that five Italian ocean-going ships are tied up in harbour there.

Efforts At Settlement

They are the 10,000-ton luxury liner *Esperia*, the *Grimini*, *Borac*, *Argentina* and *Citta di Messina*. Smaller craft connecting Naples with the nearby islands of Capri, Ischia and Ponza are still operating, however.

Police are guarding the waterfront. Foreign vessels are not affected, though Genoa pilots have joined the strike, causing some difficulty.

The Minister of Marine, Mr. Giuseppe Saragat, is meeting the seamen's representatives and the owners today to try and reach a settlement.

The Presidents of both Houses of the Italian Parliament today set up a two-man conciliation commission to try to settle Italy's two-week-old farm strike.

Associated Press and Reuter.

Case Against Broker Resumed In Court

Hearing of the case against Henrique Carlos Chaves, broker, aged 60, charged with obtaining money by false pretences, resumed yesterday at Kowloon.

Defendant was represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths and the prosecutor was CSI T. Kavanagh.

During yesterday's hearing Chaves was told to go into the witness box and state the particulars of the case.

He told the court that he first learnt that three of the largest hotels in the Colony were seeking tailors to make summer uniforms for hotel boys from one of his Chinese friends.

This Chinese friend also suggested he should contact tailors. Together with another Chinese friend of defendant's, the Mee Sung and the American Tailors were contacted by defendant.

He negotiated with the tailors, and prices not exceeding \$26 were agreed upon between defendant and the tailors. However, he said that he had never promised the tailors that he knew the managers of the hotels.

"In fact," Chaves continued in his witness box, "I never knew which were the hotels."

During the course of the negotiations with the tailors, sums of \$100, \$150 and \$200 were given to defendant. The latter two were paid by the proprietor of the American Tailor Shop, Chaves continued.

When asked why the tailors paid defendant the money, defendant said that as the tailors were seeking a business, they wanted Chaves to have the money as entertainment fee, which is the usual procedure in brokerage business.

Although defendant had taken the money from both tailors, he made three IOUs to the tailors, defendant further stated.

"I also told the tailors that in case the business is a success, the money is to be deducted from my commission," defendant continued, "otherwise I will refund the money to them."

"Then, on April 7, I learnt that the business was a failure. I im-

Merchant Fined For Overcharging

For overcharging 20 cents on a tin of Kilns powdered milk and 45 cents on a package of cube sugar, the proprietor of the Shing Hong Store of 650 Nathan Road was summoned before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was further summoned for failing to display prices tags on two counts and obstructing public servants in executing their duties.

Originally the obstruction summons was made-out to Nin Shui and Chan Yui, folks of the store, but yesterday, Chan Mok-hong, a partner of the store attended the trial. He accepted all the charges and pleaded guilty.

Chan was represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart and the prosecution was conducted by Mr. W. G. Pitman of the Price Control Department.

The court ordered defendant to pay price of \$450 for overcharging and \$25 for each of the three other charges.

Facts of the obstruction charge were that when the Price Control Department inspectors went to defendant's store, defendant's folks refused to give the name of their master even after the inspectors had identified themselves.

The Shing Hong Store had a previous conviction for the same type of offence in May.

HKDF ORDERS

Serial No. 17. Orders by Commander R.J. Vernal, OBE, Acting Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force.

25. Command, General R.J. Vernal, OBE, assumed command of HKDF with effect from June 21—vice Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, absent on duty.

26. Dullin—General R.J. Vernal, OBE, assumed the duties of O.C. Hong Kong Regiment with effect from May 25—vice Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, absent on duty.

27. Appointments. The following WO's are attached for duty to HKDF to fill the appointments shown against their names: No. 222411 RSM W.D. King, RWK—as RSM, Hong Kong Regiment w.e.f. June 3; No. 615542 RQMS W.G. Shilling, DEM, RUFF—as RQMS Hong Kong Defence Force w.e.f. June 25.

28. Qualification. Candidates 34 yards Range. The following Recruits fired this course on Tuesday, June 21, and achieved the results shown against their names: Name Practice (10) Qualification

Rank—Recruit. class shot. Slater, P.N. 20 18 6 44 2nd. Maclean, J. 25 19 5 44 2nd. Dunlop, J.E. 16 16 5 27 2nd. Dunlop, D.W. 20 17 8 43 2nd. Colman, G.C. 20 20 10 59 1st. Goodfellow, W.P. 15 10 3 37 2nd. Nicholas, W.A. 15 15 10 42 2nd. Torrance, H. 15 10 18 43 2nd. Blaker, D.J.R. 20 18 13 51 1st. Markey, D.J.P. 25 10 7 48 1st. Champion-Jones, D. 20 19 20 59 1st. Fairbairn, R. 15 10 9 37 2nd. Strasser, L.O. 20 12 10 42 2nd. Ferris, J.W. WO 11 7 18 Failed.

29. Drop Training Programme—Week Ending July 2. Squad A1, A2, A3, Squad Drill—Elementary, PWT, 2—Loading and unloading. Miniature—Grouping. Squads A4, A5, A6, A7—Squad Drill—Elementary, Loading and unloading. Aiming II—Other targets and sight-reading. Squads A8, A9, A10—Squad Drill—Elementary, Firing a shot—Part I. Miniature, Introduction, Shooting. Squad A11—Squad Drill—Elementary, Aiming I—Elementary, Trigger Control. Squads B1, B2, B3, B4, B5—Zelinski-Kennedy Road Range. Squads B6, B7, B8, B9, B10—Squad Drill—Elementary, Miniature, Snapshooting. Squads B11, B12, B13—Squad Drill—Elementary, Miniature Range—Grouping, Aiming II—Other targets and sight-reading. B14—Squad Drill—Elementary, Miniature and B15 to parade on Thursday instead of Friday.

30. Training—Hong Kong Regiment. The following Privates will parade at HQ 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, for training: 15022955 Pte. W.D.L. Ride, 15022133 Pte. W.J. Darby, 15022108 Pte. T.D. Dwyer, 15022075 Pte. G.H. Calvert, 15022022 Pte. W.J.D. Hill, 15022118 Pte. A. Todd, 15022097 Pte. G.C. Hamilton, 15022070 Pte. R. Thomson, 15022088 Pte. G.P. Miles, 15022055 Pte. K.C. Cooper, 15022063 Pte. R.N. Slater, 15022116 Pte. L.S.V. Rumble, 15022208 Pte. Champion-Jones, 15022213 Pte. D.J.R. Blaker, 15022201 Pte. J. Maclean.

31. Training With Regular Army in Hong Kong. The G.O.C. and Force Hong Kong has kindly offered to accept for attachment for any period any personnel of H.K. Regiment, who wish to carry out training with Regular Units in Hong Kong. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer should apply to the Senior Staff Officer for full details.

32. Drawing of R.I.T. Personnel Hong Kong Regiment. Personnel of H.K. Regiment who have not already drawn their kit should do so before their parade next week. The stores are open from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

33. Overseas Service Leave Benefits and Demobilisation Clothing Allowance. Applications from members of HKYDF will be considered for Overseas Service Leave Benefits and Demobilisation Clothing Allowance until September 30, 1949. After this date no further claims will be considered.

34. Attestation. In order to speed up the attestation of personnel who have passed their medical examination the following are asked to attend at this HQ at 5 p.m. on the days stated below—Monday, June 27: A.D. Brown, R.R.M. Castilho, A. Chan, Chan Ah Kheng, W.T.C. Chang, Chung Hing, Chow Bai Kwan, P.A. Collico, H.R. Cooper, P.E. Cox, R.H. Craik, P.A.D. de Cruz, J.E. Cruz, R.S. Dull, E.S. Cunningham, R.V.J. Grindley, F.W. Hollands, Tuesday, June 28: E.G.K. Humphrey, P.E. Hulson, H.W.P. Jones, A.M. de Jose, H. Kew, D.G. Leachler, Lel Chuan Kwan, J.M.L. Larsen, J.A. de Lanza, Lau Wing, A.W. Levett, F.G. de Lus, J. McCutcheon, A.J.S. McPherson, L.J. McTwish, Y.O. Mator, W.L. Morrison, P.L. Odlvy-Stuart, Wednesday, June 29: A.J.V. Ribeiro, F.V.V. Ribeiro, M.F. Ribeiro, P.X. Rocha, V.P. Santos, Eugene Kwong Wah, M.M. de Silva, W.L. Smith, I.G.T. Sim, J. Skinner, B. Sloan, J. Van der Velde, G.A. Wall, G.W. Waterman, J.A.K. Wilkinson, A.A. Xavier, M.C. Yankin.

(Sd.) N. G. PUGH/Major, Senior Staff Officer, HKDF.

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Steamer Island Mail sailed for Yokohama.

San Francisco, Sally Maersk sailed on Tuesday for Manila.

Associated Press.

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CHAMPOLLION	Marseilles	28th July
SAILING TO		
LT. de LATOUE	North Africa & Europe	26th June
OWENDO	North Africa & Europe	16th July
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